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MARRIAGE.

On the 21st inst., at St John's Cathedral, by the Right Rev. Bishop Burdon, assisted by the Rev. Douglas Hamilton, Chaplain to the Forces, FRANCIS HENRY, fourth son of the Right Hon. G. A. C. May, late Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, to HELENA AUGUSTA VICTORIA, eldest daughter of Major-General Digby Barker, C.B., Commanding the Troops, and Acting Governor of Hongkong.

THE WAR IN CHILI.

LONDON, August 22nd.

The Standard in a leading article says that the Chinese Government is becoming alarmed at the threats of the Powers, as they have now ordered squadrons to Nanking and the North Yangtze.

THE HEAVY STORM OF MONDAY AND TUESDAY LAST

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"CHARBONNAGES."

We are informed on reliable authority that a cablegram has been received from London stating that the Campa mine, a portion of the Tonqua Coal Mining Co's concession on Hongkong Island, has been disposed of to a new company for £75,000—£5,000 in cash to the shareholders of the old Company, £45,000 for working expenses, and £5,000 in deferred shares to the Commanding officers to the private, on the Island. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. R. T. Wright as best man, and of course the bride was given away by her gallant father, Major-General Barker, Acting Governor of Hongkong. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Burdon, who was assisted by the Rev. Douglas Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. May drove from the Cathedral to Government House in an open carriage and after the reception, which we believe lasted nearly a couple of hours, the happy pair proceeded in the *Amoy* to Macao, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Straits Independent, in noticing the arrival

at Penang of 28 lepers from Singapore, fears that, if future importations continue on the same scale, the asylum at Polo Jenjak will have to be enlarged.

THE funeral of the late Arnot B. Tod, second engineer of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s steamer *Hongkong*, who died last night, will take place in the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. All friends are invited.

It is reported from the North that the Imperial Chinese Government has ordered the claims put in by the French missionaries on account of the destruction of their property at Wuhsi, to be paid out of the Imperial Maritime Customs and not out of the ordinary provincial funds.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-morrow evening, commencing at 8 p.m.:—

March, "Le Père la Croix" Gance.
"A Sunday Night in Munich" Collier.
"Selections, "Song of All Artists" Godfrey.
"Corset Solo," "Vivian" Vippey.
"Selections, "Reminiscences of the Galaxy" Lutz.

A TELEGRAM has been received from Manila that Woodcutter's Circus, expected here last Friday from Sandakan by the steamer *Memnon*, has put in at Manila. Mr. Reich, the advance agent, left by the *Memnon* this afternoon, and will wire, on arrival at Manila, date of the probable opening in Hongkong.

THE public grave-digger was again in evidence on Saturday evening when a gentleman who was driving with his wife down in the aristocratic eastern division of our much divided community, was pitched down an abyss, but had been left gaping for any one who might happen to stray that way. But as a prosecution is to follow we refrain from saying anything further at present.

Two men belonging to the R. E., named Richard Brenton and Samuel Glover, respectively, were charged before Mr. Wise at the Magistracy this morning with causing grievous bodily harm to one Lung Wing, whom, it is alleged, they pushed down a staircase in Pottinger Street on Saturday last. As the complainant is now in the Hospital under medical supervision, the case was adjourned for eight days.

THE Hamburg correspondent of the *L. & C. Express*, writes under date July 28th:—Concerning the shipment of railway material for China, which I recently alluded to, I now learn that the steamship *Africa* has been chartered by Herr Melchers to take the shipment consisting of Henschel locomotives, wagons from Van der Zypen, and rails from the Bochumer works. The *Africa* is to leave on or about August 10th.

A MAN named Keung Ting was up before Mr. Wise this morning, charged with having returned from banishment. Four previous convictions were proved against him, the last being of seven years for robbery with violence, and upon each of his convictions it was shown that he had been flogged. The Magistrate mercifully sentenced him to a term of one year's imprisonment without adding additional torture.

TELEGRAPHIC information has reached us that Mr. Henry Norman, of *Pall Mall Gazette* notoriety, has succeeded in floating in London the alleged gold-mine he managed to get a concession in the ancient kingdom of Siam. The sum total is stated to be £170,000. Our informant says that it has been floated on scrip, no cash worth mentioning having been forthcoming. We shall await further details with interest, the more especially as our Bangkok correspondents always laugh when reference is made to Norman's gold-mine as a serious undertaking.

THE patron of the Manila lottery is having a hard time in Swatow. In the past three months some enterprising swindler has sold an unknown number of counterfeit tickets. Those which upon their face had drawn prizes were promptly disengaged by the Administration and sent back to the disappointed owners. The counterfeits are executed with great skill and can be distinguished from the genuine only by a direct comparison between the two. The result has been to frighten regular buyers of the fascinating coupons and has reduced the sale of tickets in Swatow by fifty per cent. The "shover of the queer" is said to be a dissipated English engraver.

MEETING of Steam Launch Co. shareholders. Mr. H. J. Holmes presiding, held this forenoon. Dividend of 3 per cent. agreed to. Nothing else done but vote of thanks to Chairman. Report and Statement of Accounts very feeble, and glad needling looking into. The man who made out the balance sheet wants rubbing down with a brick. Working account a gem quite equal to recent productions from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and the Dock Co. Item in P. & L. account—Auditors' fees \$100. What a rubbush statement of account like that now under review is not an asset. But perhaps quite good enough for shareholders of Steam Launch Co. *Amen!*

THE heavy storm of Monday and Tuesday last

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THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended Aug. 30th, are: Europeans 147, and Chinese 1,507; total 1,654.

A LETTER dealing with the National Bank of China will be found in another column. It will repay perusal, and we may find time to deal with it critically in an early issue.

THE "Stanley Awfuls," by latest advices, are scooping in the shekels at Penang. "Old man" Stanley, destined to be kindly remembered to all his old friends in the Far East,

WINDY DAY AT THE PIAZZA.

Biggs—What a beautiful heiress!

Biggs—How do you know she's rich?

Biggs—She has a very fine legacy!

AT a meeting of the shareholders in the Bangkok Tramway Co., held at the offices of Messrs. Jucker, Sigg & Co. in that town on the 10th August, a dividend of 7½ per cent. for the half-year was agreed to.

A LONDON contemporary conveys the interesting information that Mr. Reuben Gubbay, grandson of Sir Albert Sassoon, has just been betrothed at Moscow to Mdlle. de Pollakoff, daughter of the great Russian banker. His sister, it may be remembered, was married last year to M. Jules Ruffec, a deputy-Administrator in Cochinchina.

TO PO, a bollermaker lately in the employ of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, was sentenced by Mr. A. G. Wise to three weeks imprisonment with hard labour for stealing brass castings from his employers. Despite the pathetic appeal of "Granby's own Householder," his Worship did not consign the prisoner to the tender mercies of the flogger.

THE Singapore Free Press of the 24th last, says that a telegram had been received to the effect that the half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was "quite harmonious." What about the "Wicked comic interlude?" Perhaps the telegraphist didn't consider the irrepressible one's personal onslaught on the Chairman worthy of notice!

SAYS the Siam Mercantile Gazette:—"Doctors and lawyers would seem to be the only professions that a & flourishing in Bangkok at the present time. There is shortly expected another young American doctor for the Siamese service, and we hear that Dr. Adamson is leaving Bangkok Point for more convenient premises near the Baptist Chapel, where he intends to open a drug store. Medicine and law are like ivy, the greater the rule the better they flourish."

ON the 28th of last month, qualin observes a Chinese paper, while a big rough-looking man was pawnning some clothes at a pawn-shop in Chefoo; a soldier saw him and, suspecting his appearance, accosted him. The man turned fiercely upon his questioner and struck him, and a fight ensuing the soldier got worsted and fled, but did not go far before he met some of his comrades with whom he returned and arrested the man. On being brought before the Magistrate he was proved to be a leader of the Kolo-hwei and Sheng-hwei, and ordered his decapitation, which was immediately carried out.

A NOTORIOUS member of the Public Works Department, whose low-class blackguardism was the talk of the circle in which he moves only a few months ago, was dunned the other day for an outstanding account for furniture which he had failed to liquidate according to promise. In reply to the creditor's demand for payment, this ornament to the Public Service wrote a vulgarly insulting letter, and concluded by giving as a reference of his respectability a young lady who sojourns at No. — Gage Street. Authenticated copies of the correspondence have been handed to us for publication; but we have to draw the line somewhere, and it is not our policy to kick decayed dogs.

AS Mr. Pemberton Willard's Opera Company has a lien on the Theatre Royal, City Hall, after the first week in October, the projected visit of Mr. George Darrell's Australian Dramatic Company will have to be postponed until early next year. We are glad to learn that, at the instance of the Committee of the Hongkong A.D.C., some important alterations in the stage of our local Theatres will be made, with the result that the wretched *Amphitheatre* will be entirely removed. The leading American cities are to be represented. Over 400 private citizens in different parts of the world will send rare and curious collections. The cities in which they reside include Rio de Janeiro, Melbourne, Calcutta, Alexandria, Cairo, Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, Yokohama, Kyoto, Tokyo, Honolulu, Stockholm, Geneva, Rome, Florence, Naples, Athens, Smyrna and Morocco. The money appropriated by Chicago and Illinois now amounts to \$14,000,000; by the rest of the United States \$3,000,000; by Europe \$1,000,000; by other countries \$5,000,000; by private concern \$15,000,000. The entire total is twice the amount spent upon the late Paris exhibition and three times that of the Philadelphian Centennial. The general manager, Major M. P. Hardy, calculates that the amount expended will border on \$100,000,000, American gold. Negotiations are now in progress whereby cheap excursion tickets (at least half-rate) will be sold from every part of the world. The plan is to have round trip tickets, London and Chicago \$100; Hongkong and Chicago \$200; Melbourne and Chicago \$300; Cairo and Chicago \$50. Provisions will be made to accommodate a million visitors at a time. A Central committee will have charge of hotels, and lodgings, and will issue tickets, so as to prevent any mistake or overcharge. Lodging will be furnished from \$10 per week upward, and board and lodging from \$1 per day upward. A feature of the Fair will be the Electrical exhibit. This will include every invention by Morse, Edison, Maxim, Mar, Sawyer, Brush, Fuller, and the other great American inventors and discoverers.

FOR some reason or other the British Navy is not universally popular in the democratic colony of New South Wales. And unfortunately the feeling is not solely confined to the Sydney republicans and the all-powerful labor party. The trouble, it is scarcely necessary to say, is based on the red-top snobbery and affected official priggishness by which so many Naval officers degrade the profession and diminish the manhood. Here is a little extract from the Sydney *Sunday Times* of the 26th July—a journal that takes special interest in naval matters—which many of our readers will peruse with interest.—H.M.S. *Penguin*, of infamous notoriety, has been ordered to proceed to China. Such at least is the latest report. *Aberdeen* concerning that unhappy vessel, and *Australasia* may well be pardoned for wondering whether that station presents any particular attractions to naval martyrs of the Helby-Moore type, or whether the naval authorities consider that the climate of the Flower-Land is calculated to have a beneficial effect on disaffected crews. It will be remembered that shortly after the notorious scandal, which early last year evoked such an outburst of indignation in these colonies as to fairly astonish the *Times* of Whitehall, the *Penguin* was secretly despatched to China. That step was,

M. HENRI VAITE, formerly Comptroller of Customs at Nanking, is credited with having sent the dynamite parcels to MM. Constant, Etienne, and de Tréfelle. Vaite committed suicide the other day, so we are likely to have to wait a long time before getting at the bottom of this sensational sawdust tragedy.

Now that it has become an assured fact that the Treasury cannot bear the burden of the increased salaries of local Government Officials which has been put upon it, the authorities have started the Inspector of Nuisances on a crusade against stray goats. The first victim to the scratch was one Tsoi Kat, who for the privilege of keeping one of these handy domestic animals had to ante up five pieces of silver. But it is to-morrow that the official salaries are to be made good, for no less than one hundred and forty-six summonses have been issued against owners of the *goat* "Billy" and the only one of the family that has so far escaped is our own famous Office Goat, who in defiance of the allied forces of a degenerate Government, still waxes fat and sleek in and around the picturesquely but evil-smelling pastures of Pedder's Hill. It may interest the public to know that "our William" is a lady goat, and may be seen every evening doing the "block" with bracelets on.

THE French Minister of Marine has recently instigated new measures for the reorganisation of the naval forces in Indo-China. The naval division in Cochinchina is to be abolished and replaced by a local station, under the command of the captain of the frigate *Gouraud*. The *Le Roy* will return to France. Rear-Admiral Fourcier has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the naval division in Indo-China. He will have under his command the local stations at Tonquin and Annam, comprising the transport vessel *Adour* and the gunboats *Comte, Arquebus, Avalanche, Musina, Moutin, Jacquin, and Rafaës*; the *Cochin China* station with the advice boat *Arba* and the gunboats *Lutin, Carouba, Sagete, Cimarron*, and torpedo boats Nos. 44 and 50; the Maritime Arsenal at Saigon, and the movable forces and sea defences of Indo-China. Rear-Admiral Fourcier will hoist his flag in the *Loire*. The *Alouette* will either be paid off at Saigon or return to France. Lastly, the *Pluton* will be sent to Tonquin to be paid off.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE MISSIONARY QUESTION AGAIN.

To the Editor of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir—I have read with interest the letters of your many correspondents on the time-honored subject of the foreign missions in China, and I have been astonished at the blindness displayed by one and all to the incalculable good done by these apostles of Christianity in the East. I have no desire to argue the question as to how many Chinese are converted to our faith or not. Even were I so disposed, I have not the information or knowledge necessary to form an honest and valid opinion. But two things are patent to the most careless observer. The first is that the missionaries are diffusing the English speech, and the principles of modern civilization and morality in a way that should command the admiration and respect of both agnostic and infidel. In every treaty-port and in thousands of towns and cities in the interior are Chinese who have learned our language and some of the features of our civilization. In two out of three cases they owe their enlightenment to the self-sacrificing labors of the missionaries and to other kindred agencies. The work done in this way is of vast benefit to China on the one side, and to Christendom on the other.

The second is the great amount of good done by the "medical missionaries." Their hospitals and dispensaries are dotted all over the coast and every year restore health to more than a million sick and ailing Celestials. Beyond the physical benefit effected, they have done much to destroy the anti-foreign prejudices so common forty years ago, to produce a respect and love for our system of medicine and surgery, to develop a high regard for the practitioners and to undermine the idolatry which formerly formed so large a part of Chinese therapeutics. In conversing with *taots* and other members of the mandarin class, I have found that they, without an exception, manifest a warm feeling of appreciation for the medical missions. In this district (Amoy) the good done in this respect commands the praise of every one conversant with the facts.

Your's truly,
EDWARD BEDLOE.

Amoy, August 27th, 1891.

To the Editor of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

Sir.—Like your correspondent "C.D." whose letter I have carefully read, I am a missionary of many years experience in China. While I do not endorse his rather impolitic language, I second his arraignment of the Europeans in the East for their exceeding sinfulness. I am also happy that he has thrown down the gauntlet to our enemies and taken a broad stand against them. I shall not iterate his charges, but make one from my own personal knowledge. For many years past an eminent European physician of great wealth and high social position has done a vast business in selling his own preparation of morphine to the natives of the province of Fokien, and I am told of the other southern provinces of China. We medical missionaries encounter opium-wrecks every day, and when we question these poor victims of that soul-destroying drug, they nearly always state that they do not use the pipe, but employ Doctor "little Hongkong pills. I have seen these pills, and they are a cheap preparation of sulphate of morphine.

They are made in millions in England by the surgeon in question and sent out to his agents. Some go through the Chinese Customs as drugs or medicines, but vast quantities of them are taken into the interior concealed about the persons, the smallness of the pills rendering them a very safe and very profitable article of commerce. I do not know what the profit of this medical man may be, but his agents sell the pills at 50 per cent, and even 2000 per cent, above their market value.

The evil has grown to such proportions that it now causes more trouble than opium-smoking in many parts of Fokien. The agents or salesmen were in many instances educated by the physician and are bound to him by either contract or by oath. In my own experience I have come across ten of these agents and at least a thousand slaves of the devilish habit. I have talked with medical missionaries in Foochow, Amoy, Tamsui and Swatow, and every one tells me that he has had a similar experience. It would be wicked enough, Mr. Editor, for a European layman to engage in so vile a calling, but when the guilty party is a surgeon, wealthy, distinguished, and one who calls himself a Christian and whom I have known to attend Divine service, it almost makes a poor missionary despair of ever accomplishing any good. If you like, I will get some of my friends to write you their experiences to.

ANOTHER MISSIONARY.

Foochow, August 27th, 1891.
We shall be only too glad to grant this much-abused body every facility to enable them to defend themselves from any undeserved attack.

—ED.

To the Editor of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir—I have read with indignation the letter signed by "A Shanghai Merchant" in your issue of August 24th, and I recognize in it the malignant hatred of General Jones for the members of my sacred calling. He has made us a butt and a laughing stock very many times, and this new story of his is on a par with the rest of his slurs at our expense. Now I want to throw down the gauntlet to this scroffer.

First—I defy him to produce the claim he describes, or anything like it in any respect.

Second—I defy him to produce any claim from any missionary that is not true and reasonable.

Third—I ask him if he did not present and collect a claim for \$30,000 gold from the Chinese Government for injuries done to his consulate by a drunken mob, when his fire insurance on the same was for \$1,000, and when all of his furniture would not fill five ordinary vans?

Fourth—Was not the chief item of his claim out of \$10,000 for an oil-painting, and was not this oil-painting a chromo-lithograph of General Lee, which when new could be bought for \$10?

Fifth—Did he ever know a missionary to do a mean or dirty act in China, or anywhere else?

Sixth—Did he ever have a missionary before him as defendant in any lawsuit, civil or criminal?

Seventh—Did he ever know a missionary to be a drunkard, or a parson of fat women or the keeper of a concubine?

Eighth—Did he ever know a missionary to lie, cheat, defraud, pilfer or swindle?

I am sick and tired of the scoffing, abuse and trades about missionaries, which too many men—high in office or rich in worldly goods—are in the habit of indulging in. We are here to do good and we try hard to do the best we can. But our patience is exhausted and our efforts too often made fruitless by the bitter and malicious antagonism of men and women calling themselves Christians. They are not fit to unloose the latches of the feet of the poor Pagans whom I, and others, are leading into the way of salvation.

Your's truly,
AN EARNEST WORKER.
Foochow, August 29th, 1891.

Our correspondent's references to General Jones etc, so far as we are concerned, entirely without justification.—Ed.]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA; LIMITED.

To the Editor of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

Sir.—The London mail of 31st July, to hand this morning, brings an account of the statutory meeting of shareholders of the National Bank of China, Limited, held in London on the 30th, at which an informal resolution was passed to favor of winding up the Bank.

The constitution of the Bank places the Head-Office in Hongkong, with Advisory Boards in London and Shanghai. In order to comply more conveniently with the requirements of the Companies' Act, 1862-90, the Bank was registered in April last in London.

The Articles of Association set forth that, by agreement, the late firm of Russell & Co. were appointed Secretaries of the Bank for 50 years, receiving a commission on profits, in return for which they were to render specified services.

The failure of Russell & Co. in June, and their consequent inability to carry out their part, caused this agreement.

The resolution of the London shareholders was passed under the misapprehension that with the failure of Russell & Co. the *raison d'être* of the Bank had ceased.

This is an entire misapprehension on the part of the London shareholders. The *raison d'être* of the Bank was, as set forth in the prospectus, a desire on the part of substantial Chinese financiers to bring their and outside finances more closely together, by providing an institution in which the leading control would be vested in the hands of both natives and foreigners. That institution is now provided in the National Bank of China, and only requires a fair trial to prove a solid benefit to all classes of the community.

The opinion of eminent legal counsel in London is to the effect that the resolution passed on 30th July at the statutory meeting is not binding on the Bank, and that the Directors are justified in carrying on active operations.

Since the London meeting on the 30th July, telegraphic advice gives the intelligence that the London Board, no doubt after consulting the body of the shareholders, has determined that it is not desirable to change the *Head Office* of the Bank, or to delay in commencing operations, and in consequence business is now proceeding.

Rumours, absolutely false, have been circulated to the effect that the Bank has sustained heavy losses owing to the failure of Russell & Co.

A statement showing the present position of the Bank can be inspected by all interested, at the Head Office, Victoria Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

A. B. MCKEAN,
Acting Chief-Manager
Hongkong, 31st August, 1891.

FRENCH MISSIONARIES IN SIAM.

MR. HENRY NORMAN WHIPPED WITH SCORPIONS.

The following article, which will command itself to the impartial reader for its practical knowledge of the subject treated and its generally moderate tone, appears in the *Siamese Mercantile Gazette* of August 22nd.—

To any European with but a passing acquaintance with the society of *La Mission Etrangère* and the work they are doing throughout the semi-civilized and barbarous states of the Far East, it must have caused a certain amount of disgust to read the slippant and untrue charge which Mr. Henry Norman so recklessly flings at them of being "the best band of political agents that exists anywhere in the world." There is no need to take up the cudgels for the French priests in the Far East. Their works of charity, education, and civilization among the native races, speak far more eloquently in their behalf than the most stirring panegyric that has ever been penned or spoken in their favour; and the charge so maliciously and insultingly thrown at the French missionaries will find no echo in the minds of fair and unprejudiced men, be their religious opinions what they may, Christian, Buddhist, Jewish or Mohammedan.

Men of the Henry Norman type, unable to appreciate or understand the motives which have induced these men to give up home, friends, country, and all that they hold dear to live a life of unremitting toil, danger, and anxiety, in their endeavour to raise the native to a sense of what is higher, nobler and purer, must needs discover a motive for such sacrifice and self-abnegation; they must find the reason for this devotedness, and being unable to lift themselves from their own semi-civilized and cannibal little world, are incapable of believing that any portion of mankind can be actuated with higher motives than themselves—those of personal ambition, political distinction, or greed of gold.

Do we find the service of the Catholic missionaries directly French? Have the French, to these political agents, gained any commercial or political advantages whatever?

Has their influence acquired a single strategi-

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W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 20th August, 1891.

POSITION IN SIAM, an island, a port? Has their political power in Siam rendered the relations between the French and Siamese governments more cordial? On the contrary, they have ever been the first victims of their propaganda, and their presence in Siam and defence of their native co-religionists against the arbitrary power of native officials, has always been a source of difficulty for the representatives of France in Siam. To say that anti-clerical France is served politically by the French missionaries is ignorant nonsense verging on bathos, as all who have the slightest acquaintance with them will readily acknowledge.

The charge preferred by Mr. Norman is as ridiculous as it is mischievous. He might equally have accused the American missionaries of being the political agents and paid spies of the United States. He had quite as much data to rely upon in one case as the other. To make such a charge against the American missionaries would have been too absurd, and would have been received with shouts of laughter; but a similar charge against the French missionaries is sure to find a residue of readers, who blinded by religious prejudice and fanatic bigotry see in every least a disguised political agent who is ever plotting for the aggrandizement of his country. Such foolish and groundless charges are the cause of incalculable harm. They fan the flame of bigotry and intolerance, which has worked such mighty mischief in the past, and which still smoulders amongst us in spite of our boasted emancipation from the trammels of ancient prejudices and ignorant and narrow-minded sectarianism.

Men, who come to Siam, endowed with little more worldly goods than the garments they arrive in, to live a life amongst the pestilential marshes and jungles of the country, cut off from the outside world, and wholly engrossed with the spiritual and material welfare of their converts, are not the stamp of men to allow political questions to absorb much of their time, or are too conversant with the good done by the useful labours of these men, of the impetus to progress, reform, and enlightenment which is the result of their energy and unwavering labours, to need any defence by us against the ridiculous and mischievous charge of being political agents of the French Government. By their works we know them to be agents of reformation and culture, true pioneers of civilization, who are carrying into the darkest recesses of inner Asia the blessings of western science and western knowledge, ameliorating the hard lot of the native, and steadily raising him from his state of moral degradation to a cleaner, wholer, and better life. And in return for a life of toil, and anxiety, spent in administering to the welfare of the natives, they find men, who are utterly ignorant of themselves or their work, ready to hurl at them the unmanly and unfounded charge of being political agents.

Mr. Norman seriously damaged his reputation for veracity in treating of Siam and the Siamese; but his taunt against the French missionaries must have destroyed what little he had left, and convinced all fair thinking and unprejudiced men that his statements are not worthy of consideration, but must be ignored as completely as the idle wind which we respect not!

T. O'DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, LIVERPOOL, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship
"MOVYNE"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns, of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharfs and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 6th Sept., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th Sept., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 6th Sept. will be subject to rent.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, T.O.D.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1891. [1173]

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I HAVE this Day commenced Business as MERCHANT, GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, and AUCTIONEER, under the Style of GORDON & CO.

WAIT FULL PARTICULARS FROM MANILA.

S. REICH, General Agent,

WALTER HARLAND, Manager,

MADAME WOODYEAR, Sole Proprietress.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1891. [1174]

NOTICE.

BUSINESS.

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Commercial.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—175 per cent. prem. Ex. all. sellers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton.—\$95 per share, buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company.—\$66 per share, buyers.
North China Insurance.—Tls. 255 per share, sellers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited.—\$110 per share, buyers.
Yangtze Insurance Association.—Tls. 70 buyers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited.—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.—\$317 per share, buyers.
China Fire Insurance Company.—\$364 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.—\$900 per cent. premium; buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$33 per share, sellers and buyers.
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—60 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Gas Company.—\$131 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Company.—\$65 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures.—\$60.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited.—30 per cent. discount, sellers.
Douglas Steamship Company.—\$40 per share, sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited.—\$170 per share, ex. div., buyers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited.—\$63 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company.—\$86 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited.—\$75 per share.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited.—\$7 per share, sellers.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.—\$20 per share, ex. div., buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B.—25 per cent. premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C.—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E.—14 per cent. premium.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited.—\$113 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited.—\$25 per share, nominal.
Punjani and Sunghee Dus Samantan Mining Co.—\$3 per share, sellers.
The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited.—\$0.75 per share, buyers.
Imuris Mining Co., Limited.—\$7 per share, sellers.
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited.—\$4 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.—\$75 per share, sellers and buyers.
Tongqui Coal Mining Co.—\$400 per share, sellers and buyers.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited.—\$65 per share, buyers.
H. G. Rivers & Co., Limited.—\$47 per share, sellers.
Cruickshank & Co., Limited.—\$25 per share, nominal.
The Steam Launch Co., Limited.—nominal.
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited.—\$10 per share, sellers.
The China-Borneo Co., Limited.—\$12 per share, buyers.
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited.—\$12 per share, sellers.
The Green Island Cement Co.—\$15 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited.—\$76 per share, sellers and buyers.
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited.—\$6 per share, sellers.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.—\$15 per share, sellers.
The West Point Building Co., Limited.—\$26 per share, sellers.
The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited.—\$5 per share, sellers.
The Labuan Planting Co., Limited.—\$10 per share, sellers.
The Jelbun Mining and Trading Co., Limited.—\$4 per share, buyers.
The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited.—10 cents per share, sellers and buyers.
The Shamen Hotel Co., Limited.—nominal.
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited.—\$15 per share, buyers.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$15 per share, sellers and buyers.
The Bank of China, Japan, & the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$145 per share, nominal.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$17, sales.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—70 per cent. div., buyers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$170 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.
ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/24
Bank Bills, on demand 3/28
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/24
Credits at 4 months' sight 3/31
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/31
ON PARIS.—Bank, Bills, on demand 4.04
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4.12
On India, T. T. 22/24
On Demand 22/24
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 71/2
Private, to date's sight 72/2

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Norddeutscher Lloyd Co.'s steamer *Darmstadt*, with the German mail, left Berlin 4th instant, left Singapore on the 29th and may be expected here on the 10th proximo.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The Canadian Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Parthia*, with the new Canadian mail, left Vancouver on the 20th instant and may be expected here on the 14th proximo.

STEAMERS' EXPECTED.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Dardanus* left Singapore on the 27th instant, and may be expected here on the 10th proximo.
The China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Hampshire*, from London and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 21st instant and may be considered due at Penang on or about the 10th proximo.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

RIVERSDALE, British steamer, 1,311, J. Mooney, 29th August.—Nagasaki 24th August, Coal & Mitu Biki Colliery.
SIRIAN, British steamer, 80, E. F. Stovell, 20th August.—Sail on 21st August, Rice—Kia Tye Loong.
FOOKWANG, British steamer, 901, Spencer Wild, 20th August.—Whampoa 20th August, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

GLENFALLOCH, British steamer, 1,434, James McGregor, 30th August.—London 16th July, and Singapore 24th August; General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
TONGHAM, British steamer, 1,111, Jenkins, 20th August.—Bangkok 21st August, General—Kia Tye Loong.
PAKIST, German steamer, 655, F. Jensen, 10th August.—Haliphong 27th August, and Holhow 29th, General—Stiemens & Co.
HOLSTEN, German steamer, 1,103, T. Bruhn, 20th August.—Saigon 25th August, Rice—O. & O. S. S. Co.
GLENNOOK, British steamer, 2,398, Duke, 10th August.—Amoy 20th August, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
CATMAY, British steamer, 1,873, A. Symons, 30th August.—London via Bombay 14th August, and Singapore 25th, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,104, A. Cross, 30th August.—Canton 30th August, General—M. S. N. Co.
COLONIST, British steamer, 1,467, Alfred M. Mass, 29th August.—Middlesborough, via Hamburg 5th July, and Singapore 22nd August, General—Doddwell, Carrill & Co.
MOVON, British steamer, 1,714, C. H. Kemp, 31st August.—Singapore 16th Aug., General—Arbord, Kaverg & Co.
VERONA, British steamer, 1,876, F. H. Seymour, 31st August.—Yokohama 22nd August, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
DECIMA, German steamer, 905, C. Christensen, 31st August.—Surabaya 21st Aug., Sugar & Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.—
Fokkang, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Radevorsk, British steamer, for Singapore.
Fushun, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
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Per *Chit-yuan*, str., from Shanghai.—Mr. C. H. Tur, and 17 Chinese.
Per *Glenalock*, str., from Amoy.—1 European and 164 Chinese.
Per *Holstein*, str., from Saigon.—26 Chinese.
Per *Presto*, str., from Haliphong, &c.—42 Chinese.
Per *Tonghan*, str., from Bangkok.—Mr. Mono, and 75 Chinese.
Per *Glenalock*, str., from Singapore, &c.—200 Chinese.
Per *Cathey*, str., from London for Hongkong.—Colonel Chater, Lieut. Renny, Curtis, R. N., Sclater, R. N., Messrs. S. Grant, Livesey, and 200 Chinese.
Per *Empress of China*, str., from Amoy.—1 European and 164 Chinese.
Per *Triumph*, str., from Saigon.—Mr. Carson, and 3 Chinese. From Singapore.—Mr. J. McLennan, 28 Chinese, and 2 Bengalees. From London for Shanghai.—Dr. Norman Case and Mr. G. Short. From Singapore.—Mr. Smaile.
Per *Monokut*, str., from Yokohama 22nd July, and Kobe 5th August, Lumber and Flour—Butterfield & Swire.
MONKTON, British steamer, 1,892, J. N. Beale, 27th August.—Salon 21st August, General—D. Lappal & Co.
JAPAN, British steamer, 1,865, J. G. Olliff, 28th August.—Calcutta 8th August, Penang 16th, and Singapore 19th, Opium and General—D. Sasseon, Sons & Co.
KONG BENG, British steamer, 862, H. Deans, 22nd August.—Bangkok 10th Aug., General—Yuen Fat Hong.
LINKS, British steamer, 861, G. Grant, 28th August.—Salon 3rd August, Rice—E. C. Ray.
MEMPHIS, British steamer, 1,287, H. Craig, 24th August.—Sydney 31st July, Brisbane 3rd August, Townsville 5th, Cooktown 7th, Thursday Island 10th, Port Essington 12th, and Port Darwin 15th, Coal and General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
MONOKUT, British steamer, 859, G. Anderson, 12th August.—Yokohama 22nd July, and Kobe 5th August, Lumber and Flour—Butterfield & Swire.
MONKTON, British steamer, 1,892, J. N. Beale, 27th August.—Salon 21st August, General—D. Lappal & Co.
TRIUMPH, German steamer, 674, J. Brunn, 29th August.—Pakhol 26th August, and Holhow 28th, General—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
VENETIA, British steamer, 1,607, T. F. Creer, 24th August.—Bombay 8th August, and Singapore 12th, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.
AVOCHE, British steamer, 1,055, T. Rowin, 28th August.—Moll 23rd August, Coal & Melchers & Co.
PAULIX, German str., 808, H. Hellmers, 28th August.—Saigon 24th August, Rice and Paddy—Melchers & Co.
KELVIN, British steamer, 2,601, W. H. Walker, 27th August.—San Francisco 30th July, and Victoria 18th August, Mails and General—O. & O. S. S. Co.
BELLONA, German steamer, 2,022, R. Schneider, 29th August.—Kobe 23rd August, General—Stiemens & Co.

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For further information as to Passage and

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No. 72 Queen's Road Central.

E. L. WOODIN,

Superintendent.

P. O. S. N. Co.'s Office.

Hongkong, 25th August. 1891.

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